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The only First-class Cutter in the city, who will cut you a stylish garment
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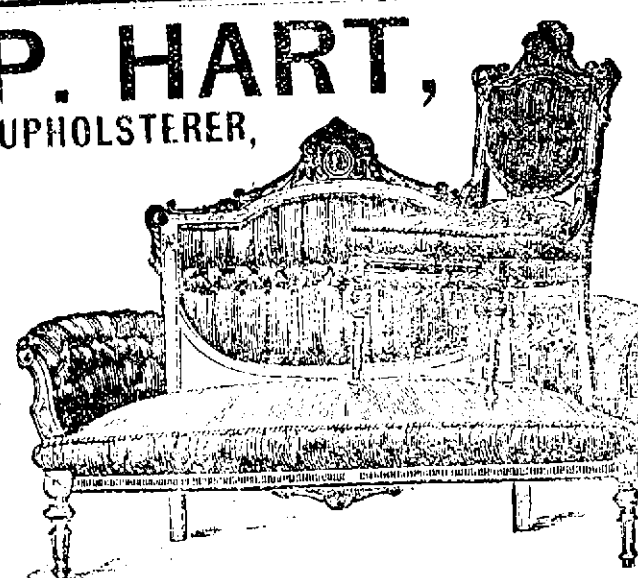
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Remember our Free Gift Enterprise.

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I have the largest assortment of Upholstering
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Our goods were bought low down for cash, and we can sell lower than
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—AT—
DECATUR'S NEW
CARPET FACTORY

RAG AND CHAIN CARPET.

I can show a finer display of goods made in this
city at a lower price than any other place in the
city. Call and see for yourself.

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Is a dangerous as well as distressing complaint. It
is caused by indigestion, and is the forerunner of
many other diseases.

BROWN'S IRON BITTERS

THE BEST TONIC.

Quickly and completely cures Dyspepsia in all
its forms. It restores the system to its normal
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PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

—Noah Webster mastered twelve
languages after he was fifty years old.

—Sitting Bull says he expects to live
and sweep the Indian rise up in his might
and sweep the white race from the
North American continent.

—General Beauregard and General
Early are paid six thousand a year each
by the Louisiana Lottery Company for
watching the wheel turn in a month
and giving their names as advertisements.

—A Cork paper publishes the follow-
ing: "The words printed 'pigs and
cows' in Mr. Parker's letter on the
land question, in a paper appeared in yes-
terday's issue, should have been 'pro
and cons.'"

—Miss Helen Eben, a Philadelphia
girl who is worth a million or more, is
an accomplished equestrienne. She
can ride over fences with the greatest
ease, like a daring young man on a
flying trapeze.

—Oswald Ottendorfer, editor of the
New York Staats Zeitung, has pro-
posed to the sum of two hundred
thousand florins, to be devoted to the
erection of a hospital and orphan
asylum.

—Mr. William H. Freeman, of Wilke-
shire, England, has lived under the
administration of every President of
the United States, having been born
during Washington's second term. It
is remarkable that a living cor-
respondent of this country, which has
now grown to such tremendous pro-
portions.

—Karloline Bauer relates in her
"Memoirs" the story of a horrible
murder. The Princess Elizabeth of
Bavaria was lame, and wore a high
heeled shoe to conceal the defect.
When the Prussian Crown Prince came
to woo her, she took off this shoe, and
there might be no concealment of her
slight lameness. And this marriage
was one of the very few happy ones
known to Miss Bauer.

—Thomas Bayson, aged forty-one,
died suddenly in Philadelphia on Tues-
day. He had complained to several
physicians of feeling sick, and was told
that he had heart disease, brought on
by excessive use of chewing tobacco.

When a post-mortem examination was
made, the statement of the doctors was
verified, and the jury rendered a ver-
dict that death was due to heart disease
caused by nicotine poisoning.

—The denial of a negro minstrel
show that he was ever a negro minstrel
save in the sense that he may also
have been a circus performer. When
a lad in Baltimore he and other boys
played circus, minstrelsy, tragedy, and
other shows in a cellar. He entered
the dramatic profession when he was
not more than sixteen, and thereafter
traveled with his father almost up to
the hour of his death. It is a fact, how-
ever, that Forrest was once a rider and
acrobat in a circus.

—The following story about the late
Dr. Joel Hayes is told by ex-Mayor
Robinson, of Hartford: "One day he
came into my office and said: 'Henry,
a man was in my study this morning,
and right under my own roof told me
I hadn't preached the Gospel for forty
years. What would you have done if
you had been in my place?' I said I
would have kicked him out of doors.
The good old doctor—a man of peace
in all respects—looked at me with a
queer expression for a moment, and
then remarked thoughtfully: 'I wish
you'd been there, Henry.'"

"A LITTLE NONSENSE."
—See here, Sigis, do you believe
people will ever die? "I do." "Why
do you think so?" "I've seen 'em die."
"Where?" "At my boarding
house." "When?" "Every time the
bell rings."—Chicago Ledger.

—He had been to Paris, and he spoke
the language like a native, of course,
but when he called a parasol "a shade-
over," nobody knew he had been com-
municating with him. He meant a
chef d'œuvre.—Boston Gazette.

—More than half a century ago a
good New Hampshire deacon, by the
name of Day, living not far from the
White Mountains, had seven children—
six daughters and one son. They were
known as his six week days and one
son Day.

—Say, Johnny, a vehicle with three
wheels is called a tricycle, one with
two wheels a bicycle; now what should
a vehicle with one wheel be called?
"I don't know," said the boy. "I
wish it was called a wheelbarrow."
—Lynn Union.

—"Ling Ching is a Chinaman who is
immensely rich. 'He's worth mil-
lions,' said a traveler. 'Goodness!' re-
marked one of his friends. 'He's a
daisy, ain't he?' 'No, he's only a
China Astor.'—Pittsburgh Chronicle-
Telegraph.

—Two ladies had had a little tiff,
and one of them remarked as she de-
parted: "Well, as I told my husband
this morning, I shouldn't care to be in
your shoes." "I imagine not," re-
plied the other, who would find them
pleasantly close fitting."

—They don't seem to have much
regard for the law down in West Vir-
ginia," said Quickwit, looking over the
top of his paper to his wife. "What
makes you think so?" she asked.
There's a man down there who has a
tort and a half inches long, and the
law allows only twelve inches in
length, you know."

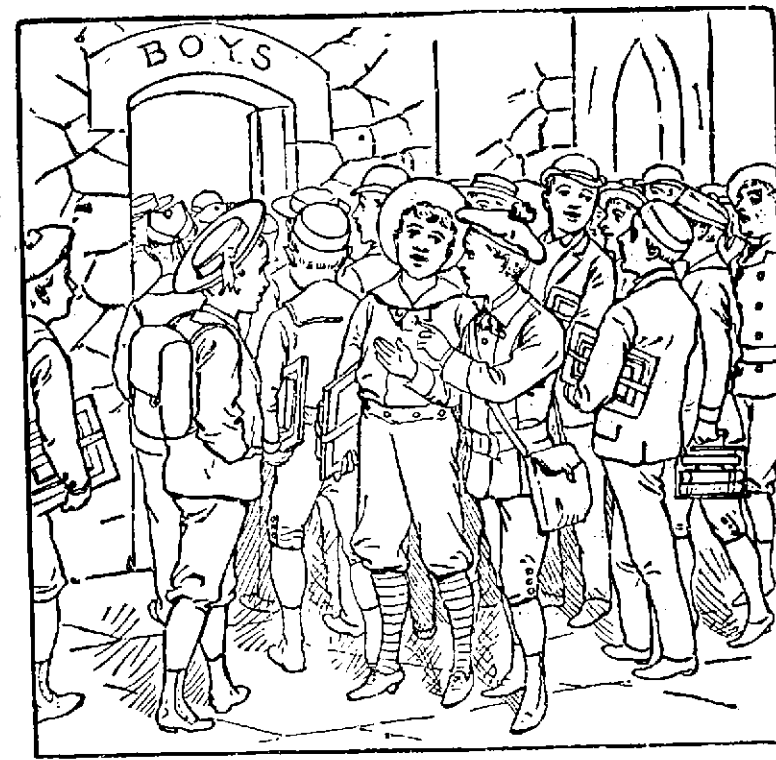
—Where you ever arrested before?
asked a Boston Judge of a Brooklyn
man, who was brought up on a charge
of having sworn in public at the crook
advice of the streets. "Yes, sir,"
promptly replied the prisoner, "once,
and in this very town, too." "What
for?" "For trying to eat baked beans
with a knife." He was discharged in
disgrace.

—Smith—I understand, Jones, you
went to town this morning with Pro-
fessor N., the dancing master. Jones
(smiling)—Oh, that's a little joke
started by Brown. He came to me a
little while ago with the same story.
I told him he lied. Smith—But it's a
fact, Jones, upon my word, I saw
him at the station myself. Jones—
What? Are you sure? Smith—Per-
fectly sure. Jones—Then I must ap-
ologize to Brown for calling him a liar.
—N. Y. Sun.

A Fortunate Discovery.
A new light is thrown on the subject
of Consumption by Dr. Wagner, Kamp,
discoverer of Salomon's Balsam for
Throat and Lungs. A remedy that he
proved itself to be a remarkable compound.
It does its work thoroughly, stopping a
hacking cough instantly. Sold by Dr. A.
Stoner, No. 14 east side new square.
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of any house in the city and it will not suffer in any respect by the com-
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